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SPRINGFIELD'S TROUBLE SUBSIDING

Several Lives Lost and Hundreds of Negroes Driven from the City. Two Hundred Rioters in Prison

Springfield, Ill., August 18.—The terrible race war which began here Friday night as the result of a criminal assault upon Mrs. Earl Halam is now believed to be entirely over. Last night passed without any disturbance and no further disorder is feared. A statement has been given out by those in authority to the effect that no mob will be formed now, and though individual cases of disorder due to the high feeling which prevails may call for the attention of the militia no further trouble is feared for the troops.

The official investigation of the outrages was begun today and the arrest of the guilty men is in progress. As the result of the conference between Governor Deneen and State's Attorney Hatch a special grand jury will be summoned and this jury will be in session as long as there are any threats of mob violence. Evidence will be submitted from day to day and indictments will be laid against those implicated in the riots. The authorities will take every step which may lead to the detection and proper punishment of those responsible.

All suspects have been arrested and held and two hundred prisoners are now confined in the jail on a charge of rioting. Other arrests may be made in the near future.

It is estimated that over 1,500 negroes, terrified by the demonstrations of the mob, have left the city. Four hundred negroes who remained in town have collected near the arsenal, where they are kept from the public view and immediately under the protection of the troops.

The only overt act last night was an attempt to cut the fire alarm and telegraph wires on the principal up-town streets. This would have caused serious inconvenience had the attempt been successful, but the man who tried to do the deed was detected in the act and arrested. An attempt was also made to fire another negro section, but this was unsuccessful and little damage resulted.

The known dead are five in number, and eight others are so seriously wounded that they are not expected to live.

Identification is Uncertain
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Bloomington says that Mrs. Earl Halam, the victim of the attack which started the riot in Springfield, is in doubt in regard to the identification of her assailant. In an interview she declares that she is uncertain whether or not Richardson, now a prisoner at Bloomington, is the guilty man. Mrs. Halam says she is almost certain, as the man's general features make her think he is the one, but that darkness at the time of the assault made it difficult for her to discern the negro's features.

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RECEIVED HIS REWARD

Notorious Alabama Desperado Met the Fate He Had Awarded to Others
Borden Springs, Ala., Aug. 18.—W. A. Smith, the notorious keeper of a blind tiger, and well known desperado, was shot and instantly killed yesterday by Will Chandler. Before firing the fatal shot Chandler compelled Smith to kneel and offer up prayers before a large crowd. Dave, a brother of Will Chandler, felled Smith with a stone just before Will fired the fatal shot.

Smith ran the "Bell Tree" blind tiger, located near the Georgia and Alabama line. The name came from the fact that a bell was suspended from the limb of a tree and was used by would-be purchasers to attract the attention of the dispenser of the fiery liquid.

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ANOTHER THREAT AGAINST EATON

Writer May Have Been In Earnest and May Have Been Only Trying to Fake the Metropolis

(Jacksonville Metropolis, 17th.)

Metropolis—You had a good article about the High Springs fire. I am one of the gang who started it. Owners were against our gang when Billie shot that d— Mooreland and we want to put them out of business. They talk too d— much.

I am now pursuing Eaton, and will kill him if he goes back to High Springs. Yours truly,

Member of the Gang.

P. S.—Drummers will have to carry Winchester in High Springs.

Following the anonymous threat received by State Detective Charles F. Eaton from one of the murderous thugs of the High Springs gang, the Metropolis received the above letter, mailed in Jacksonville, yesterday. The identity of the writer is, of course, unknown, but from his chirography it is evident that he is a man of more than ordinary education and intelligence.

From both letters it is evident that the gang, emboldened by the many murders that have gone unpunished in the past, are determined to kill Detective Eaton for attempting to run to earth the murderers of W. H. Mooreland, and that they will do so if given an opportunity is evident from the record of heartless crimes committed by the same gang in the past. In spite of threats, however, Eaton, who is one of the bravest and most vigilant officers in the state, will continue his efforts to bring the murderers to justice. He has already been to High Springs since receiving the anonymous letter addressed to him, and will not allow threats to stop his work.

High Springs has for years been made a disgrace to the state by the murders and robberies committed by this organized band of thugs, who grow bolder and more dangerous each year. During recent years, as heretofore stated, not less than twenty-three murders have been committed by the gang, and the death penalty has been meted to none of them. The killing of Mooreland has aroused feeling throughout the state that the gang should be broken up, and the success of an effort in this direction would undoubtedly be hailed with delight by the many good citizens of High Springs.

One of the meanest murders ever committed by the gang was that of W. C. Sellers, for a long time an efficient officer of the Tampa police force, who was sent to High Springs by the Atlantic Coast Line to stop the frequent robberies committed in the railroad yards. Sellers was shot down a few nights after his arrival, and although there were strong suspicions as to who was responsible for the crime, no arrests were made. A member of the Metropolis staff, who was at the time visiting Gainesville in behalf of the Florida State Fair at Tampa, visited High Springs on the day after the murder, and wrote a story of the affair. This act caused him to receive several threats similar to the one published above, and it was evident to the writer that not only were the citizens of High Springs in continual fear of the gang, but citizens of Gainesville and other places in Alachua county were also afraid of them.

This condition of affairs is a disgrace to Florida, and effective steps should be taken to rid High Springs of the gang. It has often been remarked that it was a matter of surprise that a vigilance committee had not chased members of the gang and those suspected of being connected therewith from the vicinity. The gang is a menace to Florida's reputation as a law-enforcing state, and it should be broken up by the death or exportation of its members.

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